

**LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.**

—Hermione Lodge, K. of P. will initiate into the order three candidates to-morrow evening.

—Three car loads of material have arrived for the new Houghling Advertising Co. at the rink.

—The Farmers' National Bank declared its usual semi-annual dividend of eight per cent. last Tuesday.

—Messrs. Sherman & Peirce received the contract for the lumber for the fence around the new race track.

—About eighty dollars was cleared at the concert given at the rink by the Princeton students for the benefit of the Bristol Library.

—One thousand pounds of Delaware shad are being shipped from Bristol by express every day to Mt. Carmel, in the mining regions of the state.

—The Guards' Association of Fidelity Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., will hold their annual strawberry festival in Pythian Hall on Decoration Day evening.

—The engagement is announced of Rev. Dr. E. T. Shields, formerly pastor of the Bristol Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Sarah Johnson, of Bridgeton, N. J.

—Rev. S. W. Stockel, a graduate of the class of 1897 of the Princeton Theological Seminary will occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

—The electric lights went out on Radcliffe street last Saturday night, during the heavy wind storm, caused by the felling of a tree falling on and breaking the wire.

—List of letters remaining in Bristol post-office, May 6, 1897.—Adam Jordan, Mrs. James J. Kane, Mrs. Lida Linn, Wm. Piddcock, Fred Mitchell, Mrs. Laura Teynack.

—The Poqueung's Ice Company commenced the delivery of ice on last Monday in Bristol. For the next two weeks the public is invited to call and inspect the plant and see how the ice is made.

—S. B. Ardrey & Sons last Monday, being the lowest bidders, received the contract for furnishing the dynamo and putting in the electric lighting plant for the Providence Hosiery Mill.

—A five pound black bass caught yesterday at the Dutch Neck fishery is in one of the specimens at the hatchery, swimming around to beat the band, very much to the discomfort of his relations.

—Wm. H. Grumly & Co. are building a brick addition 100x12 feet, one story high, to the main mill on the corner of Canal street and Jefferson avenue, to enable the putting in of two more cut machines.

—Mrs. Joseph Hamilton died at her residence on Radcliffe street last Friday, after a short illness. The funeral services were held on Monday afternoon. The interment was in the Bristol cemetery and was largely attended by the many friends of the deceased.

—Wm. Vanciver, of Burlington has made five or six shipments of 300 pounds each, of eels to a New York commission firm from Bristol during the past week. Bristol is getting to be a great shipping point for the fishermen in this section. During the season there is seldom a day when a shipment is not made.

—"The dance given by the Far and Near Club, of Langhorne, on last Saturday was attended by the following persons from Bristol: Mrs. William E. Doran, Mrs. Frank F. Bell, Miss Louise Doran, Miss Moore, Miss Catherine Mallon, Miss Edith Headley, Miss Helen Gilkeson, Miss Ethel Gilkeson, Miss Mabel Hawke, Miss Helen Hawke, and Messrs. Sanford K. Bunyan, Frank Piccinini, and George C. Hughes.

—Coroner Samuel H. Ashbridge, of Philadelphia, will address the Longfellow Literary and Debating Society, in the First Baptist Church on Monday evening, May 10, at 8 o'clock. The public are cordially invited. Admission free. Coroner Ashbridge has been in Cuba and speaks from personal observation. He is well known as an eloquent orator. The Literary and Debating Society under whose auspices the above lecture will be given, meets on the second and fourth Mondays in each month in the parlor of the First Baptist Church. All men are invited to attend and participate in the exercises.

—A farewell reception was tendered Rev. Dr. E. P. Shields in the lecture room of the Presbyterian Church last Friday evening. The room was prettily decorated with flowers and palms. There were about 200 persons present. John C. Stuckert, Esq., in behalf of the contributors, presented Dr. Shields with a purse containing \$100. Mrs. Ellertie Grumly sang several selections, Dr. Julia H. Slack gave an appropriate reading, and several of the younger people performed upon the piano. Refreshments were served and after bidding the late pastor farewell the company departed.

—The quarterly meeting to be held at the Wood Street A. M. E. Church next Sunday evening will be the last one before the annual conference which is to be at West Chester on the 18th inst. It will be decided then whether Rev. A. M. Buckley will be returned to the charge in Bristol. The congregation are very desirous to have Mr. Buckley remain, he being liked by all and through his efforts a large portion of the church debt has been paid. Rev. George Hibbs, of Bensalem, and Rev. Wm. Jenkins, of Langhorne, will help conduct the services at the church next Sunday.

—The Wheelmen's Roads Association will have erected to-morrow index boards, fastened to substantial posts, painted red to attract the attention of wheelmen at the following points: One each at the intersection of the pike and Green lane, at Edgely, Tullytown, at the canal bridge above Tyburn and one about a half mile above Tyburn. The boards are handsomely gotten up and are in the shape of two human arms, pointing in opposite directions, fastened to a circle and surmounted with a pair of wings. The directions are pointed on the arms and the letters "W. R. A." are in the circle.

**Personal Mention.**

Barst Landreth, Jr., is in Virginia.

Mrs. Harriet Stewart, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mrs. William B. Baker.

Harry C. Wright, of Jersey City, is visiting his father, James Wright.

Miss Gertrude K. Penimore, of St. David's, is the guest of Dr. Julia H. Slack.

Dr. H. Purcell attended the meeting of the Bucks County Medical Society at Doylestown yesterday.

William V. Leech returned from England last Saturday morning, after an absence of seven weeks.

Mrs. J. A. Hawke returned this morning from California, where she has been spending several months.

Rev. W. L. Kolb, of New Haven, formerly pastor of St. James Church, expects to return to Bristol about the first of July.

Mrs. William Trowbridge, of New York, and Mrs. James Goodrich, of Philadelphia, are the guests of Mrs. Alexander Nesbit.

Mrs. Edward Swain and Miss Mary W. Swain left this morning for Spring Lake, where they will remain for a few weeks.

Mrs. Helen W. Pearson, of New York City, is visiting in Bristol, the guest of Mrs. Kate Brock. Mrs. Pearson is a well known magazine writer and her contributions to current literature always meet with public favor. When Mrs. Pearson was a resident of Bristol she occasionally favored the Gazette with articles from her pen.

**The Bridge Bill Favorably Reported.**

Petitions to lawmakers do good sometimes, particularly when they are in the interest of a good cause, and are addressed to the whole legislature instead of to one or two local representatives who have no regard for the wishes of their constituents.

The petition circulated in Bristol on Wednesday of last week, asking the members of the legislature to take favorable action upon the bill permitting the construction of the bridge across the Delaware between Bristol and Burlington, contained the names of all the prominent business men and taxpayers of the town, with very few exceptions.

The petition did not reach Harrisburg in time for any action upon it last week on account of the adjournment of the legislature from Thursday noon until last Monday night, but on Tuesday it was shown to a number of members of influence, and as a consequence the bill was reported favorably from the Judiciary General Committee to the House on Tuesday afternoon, and with proper influence in its favor, it now stands a good chance of getting through this legislature.

Hon. Hampton W. Rice, who is a hustler, one of Bucks County's Representatives, is heartily in favor of the bill, and knowing that it is the practically unanimous desire of his constituents to have it passed, is using every effort to accomplish that end. Dr. James Patterson, of the Lower District, and Henry S. Funk, of the Upper District, are not in favor of the bill and are again ignoring the wishes of their constituents.

**Opening of the Hatchery.**

The first hatchery began operations yesterday morning with five jars of about 400,000 eggs, secured from Fannie Bro's fishery at Riverton, N. J. The eggs were in better condition than the average, but on account of the coldness of the water they will likely not be hatched out until next Tuesday, which is a day or two longer than it will take later in the season. Last year the first eggs were placed in the jars on April 27th and a shipment of the young shad was made on May 7th to the Delaware Water Gap. This season, although late, promises to be a very favorable one for the hatchery; the shad were never known to be so fine and plentiful. The largest catch of shad ever known to be made in one day in the Upper Delaware, was at Fannie Bro's fishery at Riverton this week, when 7994 were gotten in six hours with a seine. It required five small boats and a tug to get them to market after each haul.

So far this season the only salmon known to have been caught in the river was the one weighing 13 pounds, at Howell's cove, near Gloucester. The water is said to be too cold for the salmon to come up yet.

The hatchery is very interesting and it is expected that even a greater number will visit it this year than last.

—At high noon on Wednesday of last week Mr. Charles P. Laros, of Hulmeville, and Miss Emily Page, daughter of E. V. Rouseau, of Bound Brook, N. J., were married. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Arthur S. Phillips at the home of the bride in the presence of the immediate relatives of the bride and groom. The parlor was prettily decorated with ferns and flowers and illuminated with lamps, the heavy shades being drawn. The bride was attired in a becoming traveling gown and carried a bouquet of bride roses. The bride was given away by her father. Harman Kirk was the best man. After congratulations had been tendered Mr. and Mrs. Laros, refreshments were served by caterer Schure. The bride and groom were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents. When the happy couple departed for their train they were given an ovation by their friends. Their carriage was drawn by white horses and was decorated with white ribbon especially for the occasion. Amid a shower of rice they departed on the 2.43 train to Bethlehem, whence they will go to Easton and Stroudsburg to spend their honeymoon. On their return they will reside with John G. Laros on Langhorne avenue and will be at home to their friends on the 12th inst.—Hulmeville Advance.

—Mr. Benjamin J. Taylor, President of the Farmers National Bank, is a great believer in trolleys. He says he has three farms on the line between Bristol and Langhorne, which heretofore have not been bringing him in any thing, and that it was very hard to get a tenant of any kind for them, but since the advent of the trolley he has had a number of applicants for the rental of the farms from the very best class of farmers. He does not see why any one should oppose trolleys, and thinks that a while a farm without a trolley line running by it, will be left out in the cold just as much as a town is to-day without an electric supply, gas or electric lights. Up to date farmers want the advantages which quick transportation to the nearest markets afford.

**The Tax Rate.**

At the Council meeting on next Monday evening the tax-rate for the year will be fixed. The rate for a number of years has been 75 cents on the \$100, which has enabled the borough, with due regard to economy, to pay fixed charges and do considerable work toward the permanent improvement of the streets.

There appears, however, this year, to be an effort made by some people, both in and out of Council, to lower the rate to about 60 cents, which would be sufficient to pay the fixed charges for police, lighting, salaries, etc., and keep the streets in as good order as they now are, but would not provide sufficient revenue to make any further advance in the way of adding to street improvements or leave any funds for any emergencies that might arise.

The heavy tax-payers of the borough as a rule are in favor of the seventy-five cent rate. They believe that with the continued improvement of the streets in the town that the value of real estate generally will be correspondingly advanced. The advocates for the lower rate are principally the smaller property owners, who, through the building associations, are gradually acquiring a home of their own, and to whom every dollar saved is so much added to the fund which enables them to provide for the monthly payments that gradually liquidate their indebtedness.

There is another class of persons who also object to the higher rate. It is made up of the chronic growlers. Some of them will nagme how in the good old times when they were young the borough was run on a fifty cent tax at half the present valuation, the equivalent of a twenty-five cent tax to-day, how the people were happy and had no fear of the call of the tax gatherer. They forget to say, however, that then the town was a sleepy borough, with less than half its present population; policed by a lone constable, whose duties were so light that he had to engage in other business to earn a livelihood; the streets full of ruts and stones, which were temporarily fixed in the spring with a few loads of gravel dumped in its most gaping wounds, and lighted by a few gas lamps until midnight upon such evenings as the moon was supposed not to shine, but which often found the belated wayfarer groping along the dark, deserted streets with a bewilderer air, and with as much uncertainty regarding his bearings as the captain of a foundering ship would have in a heavy fog at sea. Yes, the town was once run on a small tax rate, but what did it get?

Another class in favor of a low rate is composed of those who don't pay any taxes. A ludicrous illustration of this occurred some years ago when one of Bristol's street corner orators gave frequent expression of his views with great vehemence concerning the outrageous levy proposed to be made by the Burgess and Council. It was one of the years when a dollar rate at the old valuation (equal to about a fifty cent rate now) was made. The dollar rate was made. The individual was loud in his denunciation. From his ink it would have been inferred that he was a heavy real estate owner, but when the day of the collector's settlement came his tax of one or two dollars was unpaid, and at the request of the collector was remitted. The incident goes to show that frequently the loudest talkers are the least interested.

One advantage that the higher rate will give is that it will take money from the pockets of the larger real estate owners, which will be paid to men who will be given employment on the streets, and by them again distributed to the dealers in dry goods, clothing, provisions and groceries in the town. It puts money in circulation. It helps the people, increases business and beautifies the town.

A high tax rate is a positive blessing if the money raised by it is judiciously and economically expended.

—The Legislative Record shows that of the Bucks county delegation Representatives Funk and Patterson voted against the Reform Ballot bill, while Representative Rice voted for it. The latter voiced a very strong sentiment in this county, a sentiment that Mr. Rice has wisely noted and voted accordingly. Messrs. Funk and Patterson ought to reconsider before they cast their votes when this bill comes up for final passage. The people want it made a law. If Messrs. Funk and Patterson are wise they will vote in favor of the passage of the bill and thus show that they represent their people. Their recent action in voting as they did will bring them condemnation unless they change their votes at the last opportunity.—Doylestown Republican.

—There is a little old curiosity shop up in Bristol known as "Noah's Ark" where one can purchase all sorts of antiquities, some of them being of the most remarkable character. Among these relics is an old marble tombstone which bears the following inscription: "Sacred to the memory of James Tencksbury, who departed this life December ye 14, A. D. 1720, aged 22 years." This stone was purchased six years ago at the public sale of the late Emma Gault, of Bristol, and was knocked down under the auctioneer's hammer for the sum of 16 cents. It was unearthed on the Conly farm several years ago. General Davis, in his "History of Bucks County," refers to the finding of the old tombstone, and comments upon the fact that the name of Tencksbury is unknown to the present generation of Bucks Countians.—Philadelphia Record.

—Rev. Samuel Polk, of the Edgemoor Presbyterian Church, preached both morning and evening last Sunday, at the Presbyterian Church. He formally reported the approval of the resignation of Dr. E. P. Shields by the Presbytery and declared the pulpit now vacant. While the church is without a minister he kindly invited any of the congregation to freely call on him, in case of a death, or when the services of a minister were wished, and he would gladly come to Bristol.

—The Committee on Schools of the Philadelphia Board of Education listened for an hour the other day to an argument in favor of closing the schools on May 16, when the Washington monument in Fairmount Park is to be dedicated, after which some one who looked up the matter discovered that May 16 falls on Saturday.

**Decoration Day Races.**

At a meeting of the Bristol Race Course Association on Monday, April 19, it was decided to give a number of prizes to the persons selling the largest amount of stock of the association in two weeks. At the meeting on last Monday evening \$320.00 was received for stock sold and a donation of \$80.00 was received from the trolley people towards the erection of the new fence. William Murray, of Bensalem, secured the first prize, a horse blanket valued at \$10.00; Albert Comfert got the second, quarter boots for horses, worth \$5; the three other prizes, driving whips, were won by Lyndall Ackers, William Lantell, and Howard Douglas, of Hulmeville. President Minster made an offer of a horse blanket to anyone selling over \$75.00 worth of stock which was gotten by Harry Phillips.

The races will take place on Saturday, Decoration Day, and Monday. A great rivalry has already sprung up between the owners of fast horses in the surrounding towns. Hon. John Taylor, of Trenton, intends to enter his mare Molly Gibson, which he has just purchased in Indiana, and Mr. Charles Ashton, proprietor of the Tullytown Stock Farm, says he has a horse which he calls Molly. Entries will be made from most all of the surrounding towns, and the races so far promise to be a huge success.

There will be several bicycle races each day before the track is cut up by the horse races. On each day there will be a free-for-all class, a three minute class, a 2.35 class, a colts race, etc.

The association has offered a handsome stop-watch to the person selling the most tickets for these races.

**The New Tariff Bill.**

The amended Tariff bill was reported in the Senate on Tuesday and notice given that it would be called up for consideration on May 18. There are many changes made and the difference between the bill as it came from the House and the one reported to the Senate will likely give rise to a longer discussion of the measure than is good for the business interests of the country. The so-called retroactive clause has been stricken out, and the date on which the new rates are to go in effect has been changed from April 1st to July 1st of this year. Several emergency taxes are laid, tea is to be taxed for the next two and a half years at 10 cents a pound; an additional internal revenue tax of 41 cents a barrel is placed on beer, ale, porter and similar stuff for the same period; the internal revenue tax on snuff and chewing tobacco is raised from six to eight cents a pound, cigars are to pay \$8.00 a thousand, and cigarettes weighing less than three pounds to the thousand are taxed \$1.00, over three pounds, \$8.00. The rates on wools are lowered from 11 cents to 8 cents a pound on the first class, and 12 cents to 9 cents on the second class. On wools of the third class, valued at 10 cents a pound, the duty is fixed at 4 cents, instead of 32 per cent ad valorem; on those valued at more than 10 cents a pound, 7 cents instead of 50 per cent ad valorem. The duties on manufactured woolsens are altered to correspond with those duties.

—The Hamilton Good Roads bill will probably come up for final action in the House of Representatives at Harrisburg during this week. The opponents to the bill, led by Mr. Pielle, of Bradford county, are leaving no stone unturned to defeat this measure, and assert that they will be able to do so by an amendment making it inoperative until a State appropriation for road purposes is made, knowing that no appropriation for this purpose can be secured at this session of the legislature. Acting Secretary of Agriculture Hamilton, whose name the bill bears, and the L. A. W. officials who have worked so successfully for its passage, on the other hand, assert that enough members have promised to vote for the bill to insure its passage in an amended form. Every effort possible is being made on both sides, for, of the numerous road bills presented, this is the only one which has any chance of becoming a law at this session.

**April Deaths.**

During the month of April there were eleven deaths in Bristol from the following causes:

Convulsions	2
Apoplexy	1
Cerebral Hemorrhage	1
Cerebral Anemia	1
Heart Disease	1
Hernia	1
Inanition	1
Pneumonia	1
Pyæmia	1
Pneumonia	2

For the corresponding month last year there were the same number of deaths.

—Victor Hugo in one of his letters thus describes how he pursued the "business of writing": "At the age of 20 I found myself a married man, the father of a family, with no resource but my labor, and living from hand to mouth like a workman, while Ferdinand VII had sequestered and was spending my property. Now, from that time—and the fact is, perhaps, unusual enough for me to be proud of it—having been obliged to live by my pen and to support my family with it, I have kept it free from all speculative transactions, from all mercantile engagements. I have done literary work more or less well, but never literary speculation. A poor man, I have cultivated art like a rich man, for its own sake, thinking more of the future than of the present. Forced by hard times to make a business of writing, I can truly say that business considerations have never impaired the value of my work."

**Tallest Sweden Monarch.**

The King of Sweden enjoys the enviable distinction of being the tallest and handsomest monarch in Europe. His Majesty is simply adored by the Swedes, who frequently find themselves brought into closer and more familiar relations with him than is usual between subjects and their sovereign. As an instance of the King's determination to be a good father to his people, his Majesty is "at home," in his palace at Stockholm, every other Tuesday afternoon to such of his subjects as care to come and see him. The only formality consists in the visitor sending up his card, whereupon he is immediately ushered into the royal presence and received with a simplicity and friendliness which entirely do away with nervousness.—Tit-Bits.

**Borough Finances.**

In old books we sometimes see what is now known as the preface styled the author's "Apology," meaning his reason for writing the treatise. The writer offers, as his "apology," for the following rather sketchy paragraphs, a request from the editor of the Gazette for a short article on borough money matters.

It is, the writer believes, undisputed, that the principles of success are the same in public as in private business, to-wit: economy; a watchful care that outgo does not exceed income; and foresight and deliberation in the incurring of indebtedness. Unfortunately it is too much the case that public financiers imagine that they are in great measure exempt from the operation of these fundamental rules, and it has therefore been found needful to provide stringent legal regulations in order that too much liability shall not be allowed in managing the finances of States and municipalities. Limitations are placed upon the power of such corporations to contract debts, and upon their power to levy and collect taxes; even, as in the case of this borough, limiting the public indebtedness to what now seems a ridiculously small amount. These limitations, while of ten expediting, as in our own case, are wholesome, compelling municipalities to "pay as they go," and keeping the tax-rate within bounds.

Two of the most important problems presenting themselves to municipal authorities at the beginning of the fiscal year are, what is needed to be done during the year, and how shall the means be provided? and upon the right solution of these questions depends, not only the peace of mind of officials, but more than all, the welfare in measure, of the entire community. It has been found that it was a wise plan for the chairman of the several standing committees of the Borough Council to consult together upon the general financial situation, comparing ideas, and laying out the work of the committees, so far as it is connected with the question of ways and means. The different committees can then decide upon the sums needed for their various departments, after which their chairmen, with the Committee on Finance, will be in position to determine the sum needed for the borough during the year, and how much tax, in connection with other income, is necessary for public use. It has been the practice for some years past to embody this decision in an ordinance, instead of the old style of merely adopting an ordinary resolution of Council, and this way is much better because the subject of the public finances is of great interest to all, and too much deliberation and publicity cannot be bestowed upon it.

In making appropriations it is the part of prudence to allow a good margin for the unexpected. Severe storms may necessitate large extra payments on street work, while some unlooked for emergency may require increased expense for police or fire protection and it is always more comfortable to have a surplus than to face a deficiency. Appropriations having been made, and municipal housekeeping having begun, if all branches of the corporation work harmoniously in financial matters, carefully guarding against extravagance, everything will progress smoothly, and estimates and results will come out nearly even. Occasionally, after appointments of money have been made, and considerable of it has been spent, some enterprising person thinks it would be a good thing to introduce some improvement into the town, which, unfortunately, has not been provided for in the appropriations at the beginning of the term; others are in favor of "enterprise" and try to help it along, and if any old-fashioned fellow object, he is dubbed a "fogy." Should the proposition prevail there is sure trouble for the Finance Committee, but, usually after considerable effort, the extra items are laid over until some more propitious occasion.

There is in cities an officer known as Comptroller, whose duty it is to keep an accurate register of appropriations and counter-verify warrants drawn against the several items thereof. When an item has been exhausted it is his duty to refuse to counter-verify warrants drawn against such exhausted item, thus giving notice thereof. Unfortunately no such officer is provided for boroughs, but some effort has been made here to partially supply this defect by requiring the Treasurer to keep a record of the amounts appropriated to the several committees, and forbidding him to pay orders on an item that has been entirely spent. Although this is a part of the borough law, (being a portion of an ordinance,) the writer believes that little, or no care is taken to comply therewith.

There is an idea abroad that the Finance Committee has little to do after providing for the appropriations and fixing the tax rate, and, unfortunately it sometimes does but little else. A committee which takes its work seriously, however, will find plenty to do all through the year, up to the audit of the Treasurer's account, when, with a good balance to the credit of the borough it can rest from its labors. There is no place more honorable than a membership on this committee, and there is no committee whose operations are often less appreciated, or more liberally criticized.

**John C. Mauls.**

**St. Holly Fair Grounds to be Sold.**

The Camden Safe Deposit and Trust Company has begun proceedings against the Burlington County Agricultural Society on a mortgage of \$12,500 which it holds against the association. The fair grounds are worth about \$100,000. There is said to be an indebtedness of \$19,000. Part of this is owed to 60 stockholders, who advanced \$5000 to help the association out of financial difficulties. A second mortgage was given these 60 stockholders and when the property is put up by the Sheriff they will bid it in at the price of the first mortgage. By so doing they will become possessors of the entire property, and by such action they will necessarily freeze out the remaining 340 stockholders.

—Among those already mentioned as candidates for Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, which is to begin its sessions at Winona, Minn., on May 20, may be mentioned the Rev. Drs. H. C. Minton, of San Francisco; John L. Withrow, of Chicago, who was Moderator last year; Sheldon Jackson, of Alaska, and the following laymen: Ex-President Harrison, John Wanamaker, Gen. James G. Beavor, and General Ralph E. Prime.

**WILL FIGHT IN COURT.**

**Colonel Morrell Has the Call as a Litigant.**

There is likely to be a more stubborn contest in the courts over trolley road business than any that has heretofore been brought on with regard to right of way, and it may involve one of the most powerful steam railroads in the country, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. Some time ago it was announced that the Philadelphia and Bristol Trolley Company was at odds with Henry S. Gaw, a property owner on Bristol turnpike, over the company's rights to lay tracks before Mr. Gaw's land. Mr. Gaw, it was said, had resisted the laying of tracks on the strength of a decision of the Supreme Court that a property owner owns to the middle of the highway.

The story back of the fight shows a big investment of capital before any thought of such a fight as is now on was thought of. Colonel Edward M. Morrell, according to one who knows the situation thoroughly, some years ago bought the Bristol turnpike from City Line to Morrisville. About the same time he got the right of way over the bridge from Morrisville to South Trenton. Then he started his trolley road, and there seemed to be no objection to it for a time. It was well built, and the fact that it was backed by abundance of capital saved it from many financial hardships. Eventually, however, there was talk of the trolley lines running all the way from New York to Philadelphia.

Opposition at once developed. At Croydon station, which was formerly known as Schenck's station, the Pennsylvania Railroad intervened. Action was taken in the Bucks county court, and an injunction was applied for. Judge Yerkes was on the bench, and he decided that Colonel Morrell was not entitled to run the line the way he was laying it out. Morrell, however, went on and built his road, though in obedience to the action of the court he took up that part of his line at Croydon that infringed on the roadway which the Pennsylvania claimed. Two weeks ago he started his cars running from Croydon down and then a citizen, Mr. Gaw, objected. The lines of rail have, however, been laid before his property from Neshaminy Creek to Croydon station, a distance of over 2600 feet, before he could make a legal squeak. The contention now is that the injunction granted by Judge Yerkes in the court of Bucks county, does not apply to Mr. Gaw. This the latter denies, and he means to appeal to the court. After it is decided in the lower tribunal it will probably be appealed to the State Superior Court.

—Five years ago there were comparatively few beer mugs in this country, says the Home Journal. To-day they are to be found everywhere, and there is an apparently increasing demand for them. The home of the beer mug is in Germany, but now Germany does not use as many, particularly of the more elaborate varieties, as the United States. They are shipped now all over the world from Germany, the United States taking the greatest number and the most costly. The same varieties, so dealers say, made for and shipped directly to this country. And here it is not the large Germany element of the population which absorbs the stock. Americans are the purchasers, and they buy quite as often for dining room ornamentation as for anything else, though for practical use as well. The beer mug, or stein, is used here to some extent among Germans as gifts and prizes in song societies, and still another old feature—they are said to be used more for that purpose here than in Germany.

—According to the Rev. Dr. F. E. Clark, American women are thus referred to by the Swami Nirvanananda, the Hindu who was so popular with women while he was in this country: "When a woman tries her best to find a husband she goes to all the bathing places imaginable, and tries all sorts of tricks to catch a man. When she fails in her attempts she becomes what they call in America an 'old maid,' and joins the church. Some of them become very 'clerical.' These church-women are awful fanatics. They are under the thumb of the priests there. Between them and the priests they make a hell on earth. They make a mess of religion. With the exception of these the Americans are a very good people. They loved me so much. I loved them. I felt as though I was one of them."

—England has thirty-six warships in the Mediterranean. If sea power rules in that quarter she should soon say something positive in behalf of Greece.

—The property loss by the great fire in Pittsburgh Monday morning is estimated at \$8,000,000. One fireman, George Atkinson, was killed by a falling wall.

—President McKinley has informed Congressmen Northway that further consular appointments, as a rule, would be postponed until after the adjournment of Congress.

—Brooklyn papers announce that asteri-online has appeared in the drinking water of that city, but adds that they are "a perfectly innocent vegetable, though not pleasant."

—Mr. Yang Yu, formerly Chinese Minister to the United States, left Washington Monday morning for New York on the way to his new station at St. Petersburg. He will sail on Saturday.

—A new English torpedo-boat has made thirty-two and three-fourths knots on her trial trip and, reduced to miles, is her railway speed. She has three shafts, each with three propellers.

—Farmers who are in the habit of tying calves' legs together and throwing them in a wagon to bring them to market should remember that the law requires that live calves shall be brought in crates or racks so that they may be brought standing.

—It is doubtful whether the new tariff bill will give the stimulus to enterprise which has been expected, in view of the opportunity now being given for excessive importation of articles of foreign manufacture, pending its passage. The evil that men do lives after them, and the mischievous effects of the Democratic low tariff are likely to last through many months of the McKinley administration.

**IN AND AROUND THE COUNTY.**

—H. W. Johnson has again taken charge of the Hulmeville Creamery.

—There is a class of ten Indian boys in the Lahaska M. E. Sunday School.

—The Tenth State Sanitary Convention under the auspices of the State Board of Health will be held at Johnstown on May 28th and 29th.

—A new barn is being built on the Caleb Roberts farm, below Newportville, now owned by the Taylor estate. The old barn, recently torn down, was a landmark in that locality.

—The house of Mr. Rumpf, now in process of erection on the Joyce tract, near Eden, was ordered one night recently, and all the carpenter and plastering tools stolen therefrom.

—One hundred and fifty-one shares of the capital stock of the East Penn Traction Company, belonging to the estate of Walter R. Johnson, deceased, will be sold at public sale in Doylestown on May 10th.

—The Montgomery and Bucks county newspaper men will hold a meeting at Lansdale on Monday, May 10, to perfect an editorial organization. It is intended to hold semi-annual meetings. An effort will be made to have all of the sixty papers in the two counties represented in the association.

—This year's graduating class of the Hughesian Free School, Buckingham, numbers ten pupils. They are all girls, and their aggregate weight is 1180 pounds. The commencement exercises are to be held on May 26th.

—George Bigley, of Landerville, has been taken to jail for refusing to pay his taxes, amounting to \$1. He refused to pay because he had not been allowed to vote because he had not been in the State a year, according to law, previous to election.

—The Directors of the New Hope Delaware Bridge Co. have invited the stockholders, many of whom have never attended one of their meetings, to dine with them at Van-Har's, New Hope, on Saturday, May 8th, in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the re-organization of the company.

—The East Penn Traction Company, at a meeting held at 1345 Arch street, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, awarded the contract for the construction of their road from Morrisville to Doylestown, by way of Yardley and Newtown, to Wheeler & Boody, a Philadelphia firm. President Caldwell and the directors were present. All the necessary papers were signed and sealed. Wheeler & Boody will construct the road, build the power houses and equip the road with cars and everything else necessary for its successful operation, at so much per mile.

**DECORATION DAY AT GETTYSBURG.**

**Personally-Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.**

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged to run a three-day personally-conducted tour to Gettysburg, Pa., and New York by special train Saturday, May 29, at 8.00 A. M.; Newark, 8.30; Elizabeth, 8.35; Trenton, 9.28; Philadelphia, 10.30; and Pottsville, 11.10 A. M. Round-trip tickets, including transportation, box lunches at Harrisburg on going trip, transfer of baggage at Gettysburg, two carriage drives over the battlefield, hotel accommodations at Gettysburg, from supper, May 29, to luncheon, inclusive, May 31 (two days), and on return trip, supper at Philadelphia for holders of tickets, \$12.25; Saler's, \$12.25; Philadelphia, \$11.25; Pottsville, \$11.25; and at proportionate rates for other points.

Apply to ticket agents, District Passenger Agents, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

**Bats and Music.**

On more than one occasion I have drawn attention in these pages to the influence of man's civilization on wild animals. For the past month I have noticed that a common species of the small bat, probably the pipistrelle, which frequents the towns in southern France, congregates in the evenings about those places where it is the custom to have outdoor music. This does not seem to apply to any particular towns, as they are to be seen flitting about in the crowded streets among all the traffic in Marseilles, Cannes, Nice, and Monte Carlo. So tame are some individuals that they hawk about for flies under the awning which covers the chairs placed on the footpads. It may be said they come for the flies attracted by the electric lights, but the bats are far more numerous near those places where there is music than around the ordinary are lights in streets or before shops. The inference appears to be that they find pleasure in the presence of music.—John T. Carrington, in Science Gossip.

**WASHINGTON.**

**Last Tour of the Season via the Pennsylvania Railroad.**

The last personally-conducted tour of the season to Washington via the Pennsylvania Railroad will leave New York and Philadelphia May 13. Tickets, including transportation, hotel accommodations, and every necessary expense for a three-day trip will be sold at the following rates: From New York, Brooklyn, and Newark, \$14.60; Philadelphia, \$13.60; Pottsville, \$14.60; and at proportionate rates from other points. This is a most delightful season to visit the National Capital, and no more satisfactory and economical trip can be arranged than the one here presented. Full information apply to ticket agents, Tourist Agent, 1195 Broadway, New York, or Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

—The bicycle is steadily winning its way into popular favor, the world over. Intelligent legislation is being enacted in many countries for the benefit of devotees of the wheel of both sexes. The proposed bicycle tax would be a step backward of which the progressive State of Pennsylvania ought never to be guilty. There is no more excuse for a tax on bicycles than for a similar imposition on carriages and all other vehicles, but on the contrary, much less.

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